those companies who do not incur these charges;

(c) if so, what is the justification therefor; and

(d) which documents are verified before allowing 8 per cent incidental charges?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (d) Sir, while fixing the prices of formulations, incidental charges to cover sales tax. Octroi, Freight and Insurance etc. to a maximum limit of 8 per cent or actuals, which ever is lower, is allowed, on the basis of authentic documents, on the notified price or the purchase price of the bulk drug, whichever is lower. In cases of ceiling packs, whose prices are notified in official Gazette and have to be followed by all manufacturers of those packs, incidentals are allowed at 8 per cent.

Japan's offer of help in Nuclear Energy

1597. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Japan is prepared to help India in a big way to harness nuclear energy for peaceful purpose;

(b) if so, whether any conditions have been proposed for such assistance; and

(c) if so, what are these conditions and the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (c) There have been no discussions with the Japanese Government on the subject.

Cash award scheme by CSIR to SC/STs.

1598. SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some scheme of cash awards for bright SC/ST students to motivate them to take up Science studies at plus two level was introduced in 1988-89 by Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR); if so, what were the criteria and the amount of cash awards to be given to each student;

(b) the number of applications received from Uttar Pradesh and alongwith the names of the applicants;

(c) the number of applicants awarded so far year-wise, details thereof;

(d) whether it is a fact that some deserving and eligible applicants were not given awards, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether the guilty persons would be punished?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA). (a) Yes, Sir. The scheme was notified on 23-11-1987 which provided for identification of SC/ST students form various State Boards/Central Boards of Education or Departments of Welfare of Central and States dealing with SC/ST students for awarding cash awards to motivate them to take up Science studies at plus two level. As per the criteria laid down :

(i) The selected candidates should have obtained highest marks in order of merit in the aggregate of science subjects a Xth class examination at the respective State Board of School Education/Central Education Board.

(ii) The selected candidates should have obtained at least 2nd Class marks in Science subjects and passed in all other subjects.

(iii) The selected candidates shall pursue science course at plus 2/intermediate/junior College level anywhere in the country.

(iv) The number of cash awards for each State/Union Territory was fixed depending upon the population figure based on the census conducted in 1981.

The amount of each cash award was of Rs. 3,000/- and an invitation to stay at neighbouring CSIR Laboratory at CSIR cost for 10-15 days.

(b) 287 applications were received through some district Inspectors of Schools. Information on the names of the applicants is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House separately.

(c) and (d) Since complete data from all the district Inspectors of Schools/Educational authorities of Uttar Pradesh was not available, there were some problems in deciding about the eligibility of the candidates. Therefore, no award has so far been granted. However, awards for the academic year 1988 will be given in August, 1991 after getting requisite data from all concerned and ensuring that no deserving and eligible applicant as per the norms laid down is left out.

(e) Does not arise.

Synthetic Packaging materials producing Units

1599. SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state what is the total number of units producing synthetic packaging materials alongwith the annual production and the number of people employed therein during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): The number of units producing Synthetic packaging materials, which are mostly in small scale sector is extremely large and wide spread. Unitwise data on Annual production, number of people employed etc. in respect of such units is not compiled. The collection of this information will time and labour not commensurate with the result likely to be achieved.

सरकारी क्षेत्र उपक्रमों में लगी हुई विदेशी पूंजी

1600. **श्री राम जेटमलानी :** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकारी क्षेत्र की औद्योगिक इकाइयों में बड़ी मात्रा में विदेशी पूंजी लगी हुई है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो मार्च, 1991 अंत तक निवेशित राशि कितनी थी ;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि भारतीय मुद्रा के हाल ही में किए गए अवमूल्यन के कारण इस राशि में और बढ़ोतरी हुई है ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो जुलाई, 1991 में यह राशि कुल कितनी थी ?

उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० के० थुंगन : (क) और (ख) 31-3-1990 तक केन्द्रीय सरकारी उद्यमों में सामान्य शेयर पूंजी तथा ऋण (आस्थगित ऋणों सहित) के रूप में विदेशी पार्टियों द्वारा क्रमशः 140.27 करोड़ तथा 14181.28 करोड़ रुपये का कुल पूंजी निवेश किया गया था । 31-3-1991 तक के आंकड़े फरवरी, 1992 में अगले बजट सत्र के दौरान संसद में प्रस्तुत किए जाने हैं ।

(ग) और (घ) अवमूल्यन के प्रभाव का मूल्यांकन ऋणों के पुनर्भुगतान के समय ही हो सकता है ।